



Area of Concern



We aim to impact Flint, Michigan, our hometown. After being plagued with economic turmoil as jobs disappeared, our city has suffered the Flint Water Crisis since 2014. As a result, millions of water bottles have filled our community with recyclable waste while our recycling culture remains lacking. We hope that by fostering a recycling culture at our own school district, we can promote recycling practices in our greater community as students grow and graduate.

Planning/Partnerships

During the planning portion of our project, we discussed the issues we saw as biggest in our community. First, we thought about the image Flint has and how it affects children in our area. Then, we branched off into the effects of the Flint water crisis and recycling at our school. While researching, we discovered Keep Genesee County Beautiful. We planned drives at our school with their aid and organized meetings with administration to implement recycling at our schools.



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KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE

We partnered with the Keep Genesee County Beautiful program and asked for advice with our endeavors. They provided information, advice, as well as materials for our drive. Materials included pens and pencils made out of recycled materials to hand out at our recycling drives at Armstrong Middle School and Kearsley High School.

Implementation



We visited
Armstrong
Middle
School on
December
5th, 2019.



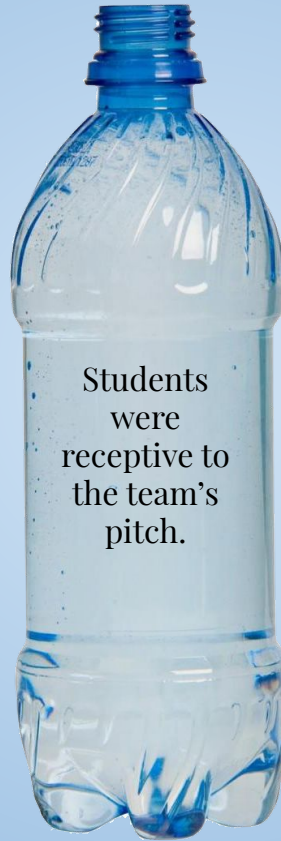
Students
were eager to
sign the
pledge and
get their free
pens and
pencils.



5.8 pounds of
recycling
were
collected.



Implementation



Outcome/Impact

- Recycling bins were ordered for both KHS and AMS.
- 2.9% of waste was recycled at KHS during the recycling drive.
- ~5% of waste was recycled at AMS during the recycling drive.
- We received hundreds of signatures during the drives at each school from students who pledge to practice better recycling habits.





Timeline



September 2019

- Began brainstorming a list of possible problems.

October 2019

- Chose to tackle recycling at KHS and AMS
- Met with staff members from both the middle school and the high school
- Met with representatives from Keep Genesee County Beautiful to discuss our options
- Met with the Kearsley Director of Operations and the Kearsley Food Services Director.

November 2019

- Had building announcements in order to promote the recycling kick-off date.
- Registered events on the National Keep America Beautiful website.
- The first recycling day was held at KHS.

December 2019

- The second recycling event was held at AMS.
- Kearsley scheduled a recycling dumpster to be installed at KHS and AMS to collect plastic beverage containers and cans.



January 2020

- Wrote our report for CMPS
- Began to brainstorm ideas for our upcoming environmental club



February 2020 and Beyond

- Continue working on introducing our environmental club to both KHS and AMS
- Continue our attempts to introduce more recycling opportunities to KHS and AMS
- Continue to communicate with administration.

